

HOUSE BILL No. 1948

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-10.1-2-1.

Synopsis: Student instructional time. Provides that a maximum of two days for parent and teacher conferences and two days for staff development activities count as student instructional days for purposes of the required 180 day school year. Requires the department of education to grant to a school corporation a waiver of two student instructional days from the required 180 day school year if the school superintendent cancels the days because of inclement weather.

Effective: Upon passage.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-10.1-2-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. (a) A school year
3 is the period of time beginning after June 30 of each year and ending
4 before July 1 of the following year, except when a different period is
5 specified for a particular purpose.

6 (b) **The following are student instructional days:**

7 (1) **Except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3),** a student
8 instructional day in:

9 (A) grades 1 through 6 consists of a minimum of five (5)
10 hours of instructional time; ~~A student instructional day in~~
11 **and**

12 (B) grades 7 through 12 consists of a minimum of six (6)
13 hours of instructional time.

14 For purposes of this section, instructional time is time in which
15 students are participating in an approved course, curriculum, or
16 educationally related activity under the direction of a teacher,
17 including a reasonable amount of passing time between classes.

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However, instructional time does not include lunch or recess.

(2) A maximum of two (2) days in a school year when:

**(A) a school conducts parent and teacher conferences;
and**

(B) students are not required to attend school.

(3) A maximum of two (2) days in a school year when:

(A) a school conducts staff development activities; and

(B) students are not required to attend school.

(c) For the 1987-88 school year, each school corporation shall conduct at least one hundred seventy-five (175) student instructional days. For the 1988-89 school year and each school year after that, **Subject to subsections (e) and (f)**, each school corporation shall conduct at least one hundred eighty (180) student instructional days **in each school year**. No later than June 15 of each school year, the superintendent of each school corporation shall certify to the department the number of student instructional days conducted during that school year.

(d) **Subject to subsections (e) and (f)**, if a school corporation fails to conduct the minimum number of student instructional days during a school year as required under subsection (c), the department shall reduce the August tuition support distribution to that school corporation by an amount determined as follows:

(1) For the 1987-88 school year, the amount determined under STEP THREE of the following formula:

STEP ONE: Divide the amount of the total tuition support allocated to the school corporation for the 1987-88 school year by one hundred seventy-five (175):

STEP TWO: Subtract the number of student instructional days that the school corporation conducted from one hundred seventy-five (175):

STEP THREE: Multiply the amount determined under STEP ONE by the amount determined under STEP TWO:

(2) For the 1988-89 school year and each school year after that, the amount determined under STEP NINE of the following formula:

STEP ONE: Determine the remainder of:

**(A) the amount of the total tuition support allocated to the school corporation for the particular school year;
minus**

(B) that part of the total tuition support allocated to the school corporation for that school year with respect to student instructional days one hundred seventy-six

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(176) through one hundred eighty (180).

STEP TWO: Subtract the number of student instructional days that the school corporation conducted from one hundred eighty (180).

STEP THREE: Determine the lesser of five (5) or the remainder determined under STEP TWO.

STEP FOUR: Divide the amount subtracted under STEP ONE(B) by five (5).

STEP FIVE: Multiply the quotient determined under STEP FOUR by the number determined under STEP THREE.

STEP SIX: Subtract the number determined under STEP THREE from the remainder determined under STEP TWO.

STEP SEVEN: Divide the remainder determined under STEP ONE by one hundred seventy-five (175).

STEP EIGHT: Multiply the quotient determined under STEP SEVEN by the remainder determined under STEP SIX.

STEP NINE: Add the product determined under STEP FIVE to the product determined under STEP EIGHT.

(e) The department shall grant a waiver of the penalty imposed under subsection (d) for two (2) canceled student instructional days during a school year that a superintendent of a school corporation cancels because the superintendent determines that inclement weather exists that affects:

(1) the operation of a school within the school corporation; or

(2) the school corporation in general.

(f) The department may grant a waiver of the penalty imposed under subsection (d) for a particular number of canceled canceled student instructional days in addition to the days waived under subsection (e) if:

(1) the school corporation applies to the department for a waiver of the penalty imposed under subsection (d) for a specific number of canceled canceled student instructional days; and

(2) each of the particular number of student instructional days requested to be waived under this subsection was canceled canceled due to extraordinary circumstances.

(g) The department shall develop guidelines for school corporations to apply for a waiver under subsection (e): (f).

SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

